



Safeguarding Statement

Southwater Junior Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We are fully committed to ensuring that consistent effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children and staff at the academy. All concerns are passed through the members of staff who are trained as “Designated Child Protection Officers” in the academy.

Cause for concern

All staff are asked to report any causes for concern to the Designated Child Protection Officers using a written pro-forma. Any concerns will be shared with parents/carers as early as possible, as more often than not there are extremely reasonable explanations for the concern. Concerns may range from children being visibly upset to persistent lateness to children “disclosing” concerns.

Staff Safeguarding Guidance and Training informs all of the following:

- Procedures to safeguard children and young people.
- Awareness-raising about abuse in order to overcome barriers to children and young people reporting their concerns.
- Helping adults recognise the signs and indicators that might give rise to concern.
- How to respond to concerns about abuse of children and young people.
- How to respond to children and young people making an allegation of abuse.
- Ways in which adults can raise concerns about unacceptable behaviour by other adults.
- Specific issues such as school trip adult-pupil ratios, photography and images on the Internet, physical contact, one-to-one coaching, journeys in cars, conduct on school trips, etc.

Our Safeguarding policy is available on the website or from the school office; please ring and request one if you need a copy.

Southwater Junior Academy’s Designated Officers are:



Mrs Toogood
Head Teacher



Mrs Brown
Deputy Head



Mrs Burke
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